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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action ("OA") dated July 18, 2002, Applicants submit the following Amendments and Remarks. The period for response has been extended up to, and including, January 21, 2003, which is within the six month statutory period by the attached three (3) month extension of time. This response is timely filed because January 18, 2003 was a Saturday and January 20, 2003 was a Federal Holiday on which the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office was closed, thus making January 21, 2003 a timely filing date.

It is not believed that any additional fees are due but should additional ex time be necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensic are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Depos No. 19-0741. Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please add the following new claims 65 and 66:

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